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SUBJECT: HKG RELEASES LAST COMMUNIST PRISONERS

THE LAST TWO COMMUNISTS HELD IN JAIL FOR OFFENSES COMMITTED DURING THE 1967 RIOTS WERE RELEASED MAY 3 AFTER THE GOVERNOR ORDERED REDUCTIONS IN THEIR SENTENCES OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT. THE TWO RELEASED PRISONERS HAD BOTH BEEN CONVICTED OF SETTING EXPLOSIONS DURING THE '67 DISTURBANCES. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE RELEASE COULD NOT BE LINKED WITH ANY INTENTION TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ACTION IS INTENDED FORMALLY TO CLOSE THE BOOK ON THE 1967 CONFRONTATION. THE COMMUNIST WEN HUI PAO, MAY 4, PLAYED THE RELEASE OF THE TWO "PATRIOTS" IN LOW KEY, SIMPLY NOTING THAT THEY HAD BEEN UNREASONABLY ARRESTED IN 1967. OSBORN

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